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For: *Simultaneous Screening and
Identification of Sequence
Alterations from Amplified
Target*

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Sir:

This Informal Submission is being filed in response to the Examiner Interview of July 23, 2002, with the understanding that further discussion will occur prior to any official amendment to the application. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this filing. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any fees, including any extension fees or other relief as may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68556/RFT/SPL).

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of identifying a sequence alteration in a target nucleic acid as compared to a control nucleic acid, said method comprising: